

PAYMENT OF WAR BILLS IS HELD UP

Creditors Who Supplied Goods Still "Cool Heels," Vainly Waiting

MILLIONS INVOLVED

House Objects to Mineral Clause—Sends Bill to Conference

Washington, Feb. 15.—The payment of sums aggregating several million dollars to many persons and corporations who supplied the war needs of the United States before the signing of the armistice upon informal agreements, and in the absence of formally executed contracts, has been put off a little longer through the action of the House of Representatives yesterday in rejecting the conference report.

The House was willing to agree to all of the bill except that part inserted by the Senate, Section 5, providing the Secretary of the Interior be authorized to make payments to persons and corporations who supplied, or made preparations to supply, ores and minerals to the government. The House was opposed to making these payments to persons who made preparations to supply the government, but never did because of the abrupt ending of hostilities, and sent the bill back to conference with instructions to strike that provision out, by a vote of 216 to 117.

Millions Involved The payment of several millions of dollars to hundreds of persons, firms or companies that did work for the government during the war awaits the passage of this bill. Thousands of agreements were made by them with the Federal departments during the war that are really valid contracts except that instead of being signed by the chief of the procurement division of the Ordnance Department, they were signed by one of his assistants. The Controller of the Treasury ruled recently that payments could not be made under these agreements.

The bill now before Congress authorizes the Secretary of War to make adjustments with persons or corporations who furnished supplies to the government upon order of any Federal officer.

Mine Owners' Predicament Many mine operators it is said, accepting assurance of the government, increased their capital stock and spent considerable sums to increase their development and production. When the war ended the government had no need for the ores and they are unable to obtain any money from the government to make up for the large amounts they spent.

FIVE PHILADELPHIANS REWARDED FOR VALOR

American "D. S." Crosses for Two—Italy Bestows Honors on Three Others

Five more Philadelphia soldiers have been cited for bravery in action. Two of the men have received American Distinguished Service Crosses, while three others have been honored by the Italian Government.

Lieutenant John R. Castleman, air service pilot of 128 Rockwood avenue, Westchester, and Private George W. Pyrah, Company F, 117th Engineers, whose home is at 5619 Stokes street, have received the American Distinguished Service Cross. Pyrah is a nephew of James Dobson, the carpet manufacturer.

FREE SCHOOLS FOR PHILIPPINES \$15,000,000 Voted for Universal Education by Insular Legislature

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SCHOOLS SWAP TEACHERS Mexican and American Colleges Institute Exchange for Research

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—Arrangement for an interchange of professors and students between the University of Washington and the National University of Mexico was announced here today by the Mexican embassy.

QUADRUPLETS BORN HERE Four Babies of Mr. and Mrs. Lissi Are Born

Mrs. Anna Lissi, wife of Giovanni Lissi, yesterday gave birth to two boys and two girls in the home of the family at 516 Pierce street.

WANAMAKER'S DOWN STAIRS STORE WANAMAKER'S WEATHER Unsettled

The Down Stairs Store Begins the Week Anew With Fresh, New Things—Many at Special Prices

A Little Group of Sample Dance Frocks Special at \$25—Savings Average \$10

New Wool Jersey Frocks



in styles for young girls and women. Collarless bodices are embroidered in silk, and many skirts are tucked. Broad girdles are finished with odd buckles. Other frocks show coat effects embroidered in silk, and many have attractive vests, collars and cuffs of contrasting color jersey.

The Silk Store Is a Lovely, Colorful Place

Every day finds new, lustrous silks in beautiful colors arriving to still further brighten our already large and assorted stock of Spring silks.

Not a Petticoat Nor a Bloomer

—but it serves the purpose of both. They are really pantaloons like grandmother wore in her day. But these are made of soft silk jersey, and nothing could be better to wear with the new narrow skirts.

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SURELY SPRING IS VERY NEAR FOR HERE ARE PUMPS!

Dark tan calfskin pumps will please most every woman. They have imitation wing tips, turned soles and high, covered heels. \$4.90 a pair.

Women Want Spring Wraps That Can Be Worn Right Now

Well, here they are! Smart canes or coats are on really good lines that you will not easily tire of. Tweeds in a great variety of models and shades are lined throughout or half lined. Tweed, by the way, promises to be one of the season's favorites. \$22.50 to \$35.

Three Groups of Women's Winter Coats Reduced for Final Clearance

When you realize that these are some of the finest wraps in our stock, you will want to take advantage of this opportunity, which will not come again. The coats are mostly one of a kind, beautifully lined in silk or durable satin. There are odd lots of fine quality velour and broadcloth, many are fur trimmed.

Hundreds of Jaunty Spring Suits

New ones come in every day now, so that there are always plenty for you to choose from. Styles have taken a decided change for this Spring. The box coat is much in evidence, and vests of bright-colored silks, often embroidered, lend a pretty touch.

Exclusive Models

many that are copies of the French are \$33.50, \$37.50, \$39.75, \$42.50 to \$67.50. They have box coats, Russian blouse coats and such. The materials are mannish serge, tricotine and Poiret twill.

A Breakfast Coat

of pink, rose, Copenhagen or light blue crepe is an attractive affair. It comes almost to the bottom of the skirt and has cording for trimming around the neck, wide sleeves, pocket and skirt. A long narrow girdle fastens it at the waist. \$25.00.

Useful Laces at Little Prices

Imitation crochet laces, both edgings and insertions, for scarfs, centerpieces, curtains and the like; 3/4 to 4 1/2 inches at 15c to 38c a yard.

Fresh Organdie Neckwear 50c, Special

Such dainty things as you will want to wear with dark frocks are made of white organdie trimmed with bands of Copenhagen, rose, tan and green, and all with hand-embroidered dots in color.

Rugs Special in the February Sale

Body Brussels Rugs 4.6x7.6 feet, \$21. 6x9 feet, \$35. 6x10.6 feet, \$25. 6.9x12 feet, \$31.

Over 300 Attractive Spring Hats Special at \$8



Shiny fine straw and lustrous large straw are each so good-looking that it will be difficult to decide which to choose! Shapes turn up and have perky quills or bows for adornment, or are large and turn down all around.

Men's Substantial Overcoats Substantially Reduced

Two groups taken from our own good stocks and lowered in price. All handsome, dark color coats, every thread of them all wool and sound in fashion for next Winter as well as this.

For Men Who Need Shoes

and for men who like to buy ahead there are the special shoes at \$3.40 a pair. They are made of good dark tan or dull black leather. There is a saving of about \$3 on each pair.

Special Corsets

At \$2—Pink or white coutil models for average to full figures are very well made. They have low bust lines.

Trim, Adjustable House Dresses at \$3

They are unusually pretty house dresses made with adjustable waists and hems and re-enforced under the arms. Made of percale in pin stripes of lavender, blue, pink or black, and piped in color.

Not a Dress—An Apron

but it looks like a dress and will serve as one in warm weather. It is of sturdy striped gingham with short sleeves and elastic at the waist and it fastens down the side. Ric-rac braid trims it. \$2.

For the Home—Many Specials

New Towels and Towelings White cotton huck towels in a good, absorbent quality have hemmed ends. 18x35 inches are 38c and 18x38 inches 40c each.

5000 Splendid Sheets

They are all seamless sheets of good, heavy bleached muslin, for both single and double beds. Every one special. 54 x 90 inches, \$1.28. 63 x 90 inches, \$1.38.